

## **MINUTES OF HENRY'S FORK TRIBUTARIES DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM**

February 20, 1996

McKinnon Schoolhouse, McKinnon, Wyoming

The meeting convened at 5:10 p.m. and was conducted by Lee Sim, of the Utah State Engineer's Office. Mr. Sim introduced representatives of the State Engineer's offices of Utah and Wyoming.

The minutes from the 1995 annual meeting were read by John Larsen . No corrections were needed to the minutes. Jack Buckley made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Earl Hanks seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Frank Carr then presented the financial report for the distribution system. He passed out a report of expenditures for the previous year. Expenditures were separated into two parts. 27% from Utah at \$2,057.00 and 73% from Wyoming at \$2,850.00.

Ferron Johnson then presented his commissioner's report for the 1995 water year. Ferron mentioned it was a wet year on Henry's Fork with regulation on Beaver Creek being requested early on by the water users. By the time regulation was put into effect it was not needed. He mentioned he was pleased with the cooperation of the water users and the year was good for him as a commissioner. He reminded the water users to keep him apprised of changes that may occur in the system by the water users. A motion was then made by Glen Wadsworth and seconded by Jack Hickey to accept the report given by the commissioner. All approved.

John Yarborough then gave a brief snow pack report on the system. Hewinta was at 124% of average, Hole in the Rock at 161% of average, Hickerson Park at 63% of average.

Mr. Sim addressed the Utah users and mentioned that an inspection had been done of the Beaver Creek system this past summer. Photographs of the diversions were passed out to the water users.

Mr. Sim then discussed the budget and assessments for the Utah users. Jack Buckley made a motion to keep the budget and assessments the same as last year at \$2100.00. All of the Utah users approved.

Jade Henderson then recommended that Ferron Johnson be reappointed as commissioner for the 1996 irrigation season. Milton Beck motioned that Ferron Johnson is voted in as commissioner, seconded by Gino Foianini, all Utah users approved.

Mr. Sim turned time over to Frank Carr to discuss the joint mapping project being done by Utah and Wyoming on the Henry's Fork System. Frank explained the purpose of the program is to help water officials identify water rights and those lands that have water rights. Mapping was

ordered by the Wyoming State Legislature to identify irrigated lands with water rights. Frank explained the maps he had displayed in the room. Once the mapping is complete, then the information becomes a public record. The project is expected to be completed by June 30, 1996. Copies will be available in Utah and Wyoming in the following offices: Vernal Regional Office, Ferron Johnson's office, John Yaroborough's office and the Wyoming State Engineer's Office in Cheyenne.

With no further business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Those present at the meeting were as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Farren Johnson	River Commissioner
John A. Yarborough	Wyoming State Engineer's Office
Jade Henderson	Wyoming State Engineer's Office
Frank Carr	Wyoming State Engineer's Office
Nila Wilde	Wilde Ranch
Gino Foianini	Burnt Fork, Birch Creek
Earl Hanks	Burnt Fork, Beaver Creek
Clyde Hanks	Burnt Fork, Beaver Creek
Gene Gamble	Burnt Fork
Jack Hickey	Henry's Fork
Larry Anderson	Burnt Fork, Birch Creek
Charles Bergman	Birch Creek
Glen Wadsworth	Henry's Fork, Beaver Creek
Dale Taylor	Henry's Fork, Beaver Creek
Jack Buckley	West Beaver Creek
Milton Beck	Burnt Fork, Birch Creek
Alan Cunningham	Wyoming State Board of Control
Donald Behunin	Burnt Fork
Wade Stephens	Burnt Fork
Gertrudys Adkins	Utah Division of Water Rights
John S. Larsen	Utah Division of Water Rights
Lee Sim	Utah Division of Water Rights